



JUDICIAL PROFILE

David R. Cole is assigned to the Criminal Department. In addition, he presides over the DUI Court. Prior to that he served in the Special Assignment Department. Appointed to the Superior Court in February 1989, he has handled criminal, civil, and family court cases. He has presided over several high-profile cases. Judge Cole graduated from the University of Arizona in 1973 with a B.A. in Speech Arts "with high distinction" and "with honors." He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Arizona in 1976. Before his appointment to the Superior Court bench, Judge Cole served as Associate Professor of Law at Pepperdine University (where he taught evidence, criminal procedure, and trial advocacy). He previously worked as Clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court, was an Assistant Arizona Attorney General, and was a Deputy County Attorney for Maricopa and Pima Counties. He is a former certified specialist in criminal law and is licensed to practice law in all Arizona courts, the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. District Court, District of Arizona.



In June 1995, the Maricopa County Bar Association bestowed upon Judge Cole its prestigious Henry S. Stevens Award for "Outstanding Service to the Legal Profession." He formerly chaired the Judicial College of Arizona's New Judge Orientation Committee and continues to be a presenter for the orientation program. He is one of several co-authors of the current Superior Court Benchbook, and frequently serves as faculty member for various programs, speaker for community groups, and judge for law school and high school moot court/mock trial programs. He also participates in The Courthouse Experience program. He currently chairs the Maricopa County Superior Court Law Library Committee. As a former certified specialist in criminal law, Judge Cole is a recognized expert in that field. In 1991, he was appointed to co-chair the Victims' Rights Implementation Training Program for judges, probation officers, the law enforcement community, court administrators, and victim-witness advocates. Since 1992, Judge Cole has co-presented an annual program for the State Bar entitled "The Year In Evidence," which examines Arizona Supreme Court and Court of Appeals cases that present evidentiary issues. In 1995, Judge Cole, another Arizona judge, and an Arizona prosecutor edited the Capital Cases Benchbook, published by the National Judicial College.